

1 general law and the local law, it would have taken place;
2 so this, if anything, helps in terms of certain fixed
3 dates. There are technical determinations that need to be
4 set, but we don't see this as a factor in the debate.

5 You are right, Judge, that you must make these
6 kind of adjustments, but the seventeen States have
7 dealt with that problem.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate desire to speak
9 in opposition to the amendment? Delegate Mentzer.

10 DELEGATE MENTZER: The problem with open housing
11 legislation was in Prince Georges, not in Montgomery. Those
12 who favor constitutional time limits do not oppose between-
13 session meetings of committees for legislative councils.
14 The major problem, as I see it, is focusing public attention
15 on laws passed by the legislature. I think unlimited time
16 would have a bad effect on the work of organizations, lobby-
17 ing organizations, such as the League and other special
18 interest lobbying organizations to focus public attention
19 on what is being done at the legislature. I also think
20 there might be some trouble with the press coverage of the
21 legislature. We have a metropolitan press that has to